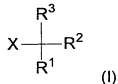


MODIFIED AMINOPLAST CROSSLINKERS AND POWDER COATING **COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING SUCH CROSSLINKERS**

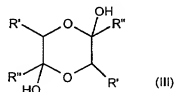
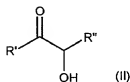
ABSTRACT

A crosslinking agent is provided, prepared by reacting (A) an aminoplast resin; (B) a reactive urethane group-containing adduct of a polyfunctional polymer and monoisocyanate, and (C) at least one other compound having active hydrogen groups reactive with aminoplast resin (A). Compound (C) is selected from:

- (i) compounds having the structure (I):



- wherein X is aromatic; R¹, R², and R³ each independently represents H, (cyclo)alkyl having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, or an active hydrogen-containing group,
- (ii) compounds having the structure (II) or (III):



- where R' and R'' each independently represents an aromatic group or an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms; and
- (iii) compounds different from (i) and (ii), having a melting point of at least 80°C.

Further provided are methods for preparing the crosslinking agent, curable compositions containing the crosslinking agent, and coated substrates.